

Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

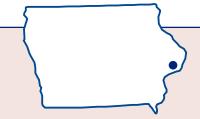
Davenport, IA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Davenport was selected to receive an assessment grant. The city is focusing on a 2,450-acre target area extending westward from the downtown core along the Mississippi River. This area encompasses 67 properties and a wide range of land uses, including active manufacturing plants and abandoned coal gasification plants, packing houses, lumber yards, and railroad facilities. The target area has a population of 4,700, of whom 30 percent are minorities. The poverty rate of the target area is 28 percent compared to the 14 percent citywide poverty rate. The city has completed a broad profile of the area and has ranked brownfields sites. The assessment of the high-priority properties will leverage resources to continue progress toward cleanup and reuse. The Brownfields Partnership Team, a community advisory group, will be involved in planning for redevelopment.



Assessment Grant



\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Davenport for a brownfields assessment grant. The city will conduct assessment of properties contaminated by hazardous substances along its five-mile Mississippi River shoreline. Grant funds also will be used to conduct health studies of area residents and to involve the community in redevelopment planning.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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Grant Recipient: City of Davenport, IA 563-326-6167

Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, the City of Davenport has received funding for assessment grants.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.